

It is my understanding that the FAA is proposing this rule to enhance airspace capacity and assist aircraft operators in saving fuel and flight time. While this rule, may succeed in both issues, one concern that has not been addressed is that of airport capacity.

It makes little sense to increase the number of aircraft using enroute airspace, just to have them fly extended holding patterns while they wait their turn to land. Any savings in fuel and flight time will be eaten up while in holding patterns waiting for clearance to land.

On the other hand, this proposal may force that concern regarding airport capacity and finally streamline programs that will increase airport capacity.